GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NEW AND OLD PASSPORTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any difference between the new passports and the passports issued after renewal ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the differences between the process of issuing new passports and renewal thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) A new passport is one, which is issued to a person who has never held a passport earlier. On the other hand, a renewed passport is one, which is issued to replace a passport held by a person earlier and whose validity has expired. Both passports are of 10 years validity. A new passport is issued either after police verification or on post-police verification basis under the Tatkal scheme. Certain cases of issue of new passports such as those issued to Government servants, senior citizens and minors are exempt from police verification, subject to the completion of required formalities. In the absence of anything adverse against the applicant, no police verification is required in case of renewal of a passport.